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As The design of *The American Bibliopolist* will be to place before the book buying public, a continuous Register of the many Additions the undersigned are constantly making to their Stock: Lists of New Publications, English and American; Notices of the Sales of Books at Auction, and Reports concerning important items; Useful Hints and Suggestions as to the best Editions, etc.; Lists of Books wanted to purchase, and Incidental Discussions on Matters appertaining to Books in general.

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Auction Sales.

The event of the month has been the sale of "Books on America, Illustrated Books, &c., belonging to T. H. Morrell," which was announced to take place in December, 1868, but was, for various reasons, postponed to January 12th, 13th and 14th, 1869.

The "Notice" has the merit of brevity, but contains this remarkable statement:

"No books have been admitted from my stock, or from any other source, and with the exception of a few volumes, none have ever been offered by me at private sale," the meaning of which is rather obscure. But, we presume, the idea intended to be conveyed is, that all the books belonged to Mr. Morrell. Surely the exceptions referred to must at some time have formed part of his "stock," if we rightly understand the meaning of the term.

Some years ago Mr. Morrell made a sale of his so-called "Private Library," which was a pecuniary success, and encouraged him to repeat the experiment. Since that time he has been an active collector of what we should call "stock," and the result of his enterprise is represented in this catalogue.

The quotations of prices are a convenience to the buyer, and would perhaps have been

a guide had they included the prices realized at the late sales of the stock of a Brooklyn bookseller, and that of the late Mr. E. French.

The "uniformity" of prices referred to in the notice is, strictly speaking, only applicable to the really rare books, which are not likely to become cheaper.

The extensive publicity given to the sale by advertising a list of the rarer books * created expectations which were scarcely sustained on the appearance of the Catalogue itself. This list of rarities was a skilful abridgment of the catalogue, and named all the books of high interest, the remainder being a good specimen of "sweetness long drawn out." The prices realized for the ordinary books sufficiently illustrate this statement.

The use of the terms *scarce*, *very scarce*, *exceedingly scarce*; *rare*, *very rare*, *exceedingly rare*, is much too common, and indicates a vague idea of the true meaning of these terms. Among bibliographical writers there is a supposed standard which it is dif-

* The editor of the "American Publisher and Bookseller" goes so far as to call it "the finest collection of books on America in existence," which speaks well for his knowledge of the subject.

ficult to reduce to an absolute written law, but which the diligent reader of their works will not fail to realize, and will therefore make due allowance for the very profuse use in this catalogue of adjectives in the superlative — *e. g.*, we are told, concerning Lot 442, that they are *exceedingly rare*, when the fact is they are to be found in most libraries of any pretension to completeness. Where we come to such lots as No. 194, which are *in fact* “*exceedingly scarce*,” the value of the superlative is lost among such a host of inferior books, which are here unjustly elevated to an equal rarity.

These remarks are made in no invidious spirit, but with a desire to bring catalogues to such a standard that the ordinary book-buyer shall not be deceived as to the actual rarity of the books he may desire to possess.

There are some other points in this catalogue to which we shall draw attention as we proceed to notice the price obtained for the more important books.

Lot 3, *Alden's Epitaphs*, sold for \$17.50. This is described as “*boards uncut, rough edges*” on which we remark that all books in “*boards uncut*” necessarily have “*rough edges*,” and these two words are mere surplausage.

Lot 10, *Andre's Cow Chace*, first edition, \$70.

Lot 13, *Dunlap's Andre*; a Tragedy, sold for \$12.50.

Lot 25, *Barlow's Columbiad*, \$22.

Lot 33, *Benson's Memoir*, \$15.

Lot 25, *Beverly's Virginia*, \$13. This is said to be the “*best edition . . . brilliant impressions of the plates*.” It may be the best edition of the work, but we must look to the first for “*brilliant impressions of the plates*.”

Lot 26, *Bible, Illustrated*, \$240.

In the note appended to its description, Mr. M. remarks: “*An excessively rare etching, a folding, (i. e. folded plate,) by John Luyken, of the 'Shipwreck of St. Paul,' and 'Noah entering the Ark,' by Visscher, may be mentioned as the most valuable.*” The volume from which these plates are taken can be imported for \$10.00.

Lot 39, *Bishop's New England Judged*, \$7.00.

The catalogue made no mention of the fact that it was only *part* of the work—but the price realized indicates a popular knowledge of the fact.

Lot 57, *Burgoyne's Expedition*, \$17.50.
Lot 59, *Burgoyne's Letters*, \$2.75.
Cheap—the large note from the Monthly Review did not help it much.

Lot 64, *Burr's Trial*, 2 vols., \$19.
Lot 75, *Byfield's Revolution in New England*, \$25.

Lot 78, *Callendar's Rhode Island*, \$25.
Lot 85, *Carver's Travels*, said to be on large paper, \$3.

Lot 87,—printed 86—*Catesby's Carolina*, \$65.00, said to be “*colored with superior care*.” We thought otherwise.

Lot 93, *Chalmer's Political Annals*, \$8. This is one of several books which are said to have a “*portrait of him inserted*.”

Lot 98, *Cicero's Cato Major*, \$55.
Lot 102, *The American War*, \$4.50.

This is said to contain an “*extremely rare print*”—which print is, or should be, in every copy of the book.

Lot 105, *Coglan's Memoirs*, \$8.50.
Lot 106, The same, with 22 Plates inserted, \$25.

Lot 114, *Constitution of the U. S.*, original edition, \$2.50.

Lot 116, *Cooper's U. S. Navy*, illustrated, \$30.

Lot 126, *Dawson's Putnam*, illustrated, \$47.50.

Some doubt exists as to the scarcity of this work; it is found in *every sale* of Americana.

Not 136, *Collier's Detail*, \$2.50.
The title page contains a singular misstatement—the book had been printed years before in the “*Naval Chronicle*.”

Lot 138, *Doddridge's Indian Wars*, \$10.
Lot 146, *Drayton's American Revolution*, \$16.

Lot 147, *Duer's Old New York*, \$15.
Lot 151, *Easton's King Philip*, \$22.

Lot 161, *The Federalist*, first edition, \$24.00.

Lot 164, *Filson's Kentucky*, \$14.
Lot 171, *Franklin's Works*, large paper, \$51.25.

Lot 178, *Fraser's Charleston*, \$7.50.
Lots 190 and 191, *Garden's Anecdotes*, notwithstanding the “*unusual*” condition, for \$18.00.

Lot 194, *Winslow's Glorious Progress of the Gospel*, \$30. This might properly have been catalogued as *very*, or even *exceedingly rare*—but is disposed of with a “*scarce*.”

Lot 195, *Garden's American Revolution*,

described as "almost uncut." Brooklyn, 1865, \$9.00.

Lot 205, *Garden's Anecdotes*, large paper, \$5.25, subscription price, \$30.00.

Lot 215, *Coleman's Collection*, illustrated with common plates, \$15.00.

Lot 219, *Hamilton's National Flag*, illustrated with 69 plates, \$72.50.

Lot 225, *Hennepin's Travels*, \$21.

Lot 238, *Hutchins' Topographical Description of Virginia, Pennsylvania, &c.*, \$12.

Lot 242, *Impartial History of the War in America*, \$22.00.

Lot 245, *Irvingiana*; large paper, 110 copies printed, \$13.00.

Lot 236, *Josselyn's Voyages*, \$15.00; perhaps the cheapest book in the sale, said to be a fine copy.

Lot 263, *Keith's Virginia*; said to be "perfectly spotless and with wide margins," \$35.00. Perfectly spotless is also applied to other books; it is a curious way of indicating a clean copy.

Lot 283, *Love and Patriotism*, a comparatively worthless book, brought \$13.00.

Lot 290, *Mackenzie's Decatur*, described as large paper, illustrated copy, \$41.00.

Lot 293, *Mante's Late War*, without Maps, 4to, 1772, \$22.00.

Lot 298, *Mason's Pequot War*, \$52.00.

Lot 300, *Mather's Magnalia*, \$65.00.

Lot 301, *Mather's India Christiana*, 1721, \$20.00.

Lot 304, *Mather on Comets*, 1683, \$35.00.

Lot 305, *Moody's Narrative*, 1783, \$14.00.

Lot 329, *Morton's N. E. Memorial*, second edition, \$20.00.

Lot 346 and 347, *Almanacks*, printed by W. Bradford, \$11.00 each.

Lot 382, *State of the Country of the Five Nations*, to accompany Colden's History, \$37.00.

Lot 356, *Francis' Old New York*, illustrated copy, 158 plates, \$128.

Lot 358, *Ireland's N. Y. Stage*, illustrated copy, \$60.00.

Lot 364, *Charter of New York*. Printed by Zenger. A fine specimen of printing, \$100.00.

Lot 366, *Bill in the Chancery of New Jersey*, \$30.00.

Lot 385, *Autograph Letters by the Penn Family*, \$25.00.

Lot 394, *A Series of Autograph Letters*

by the Presidents of the United States, \$140.00.

Lot 421, *Recueil d'Estampes*, a collection of imaginary scenes, \$9.00.

Lot 427, *Robin's Travels*, uncut, \$27.00.

Lot 432, *Russell's America*, \$5.00. A book of but little value, except for the plates. How the view of Fort George, with the city of New York, should be rare is beyond our knowledge—it is found in every perfect copy of this common book.

Lot 435, *Sabine's General Wolf*, illustrated copy, \$21.00.

Lot 446, *Signers of the Declaration of Independence*, with 21 Autograph Letters and 100 Plates, \$120.00.

Lot 453, *Smith's Virginia*, folio, 1624, one map deficient, \$67.50.

Lot 454, *Smith's True Travels*, folio, 1630, \$50.00.

Lot 460, *Smith's New Jersey*, fine copy, \$50.00.

Lot 468, [Snowden's] *American Revolution*, 1823, \$9.00.

Lot 482, *Stiles' Judges*, 1794, \$13.50.

Lot 483, *Stith's Virginia*, 1747, \$51.00.

Lot 493, *Strength out of Weakness*, 1652, \$25.00.

Lot 512, *Treaty with the Indians at Lancaster*, folio, \$28.00.

Lot 513, *Trial of J. P. Zenger*, 1756, \$100.00.

Lot 514, *Trial of Gen. Lee*, 1778, \$70.00.

Lot 515, *Trial of St. Clair*, 1778, \$65.00.

Lot 516, *Trial of Schuyler*, 1778, \$95.00.

Lot 519, *Trial of Burr*, \$26.00.

Lot 521, *Trial of Gen. Harmar*, \$22.00.

Lot 522, *Trial of Col. Henley*, \$10.00.

Lot 525, *Trial of Zenger*, 4to, 1738, \$15.00.

Lot 527, *Trial of Andre*, 1780, \$40.00.

Lot 551, *Walton and Cotton's Angler*, illustrated copy, \$340.00.

Lot 556, *Ward's Simple Cobbler*, 1647, \$25.00.

Lot 570, *Columbia's Legacy*, 1796, \$10.00.

Lot 574, *Washington's Diary*, \$21.00.

Lot 575, *Washington's Diary*, \$28.00.

Lot 576, *Washington's Diary*, another edition, \$21.00.

584, *Washington's Letters to Laurens*, 4 Autographs, \$90.00.

These cost Mr. M. \$200, and it is unfortunate that the note, in which he says: "The

intense historical interest associated with the above original autograph letters of Washington cannot be *over-estimated*," should not have been printed on page 149 of the catalogue. The *intensity* was overlooked, and the consequence was, they were *under-estimated*. The reprinting of the letter gives interest to the catalogue, but lessens the value of the autograph.

Lot 597, *Houdin's Washington*, 8 pp. 7, 1800, \$18.00. Three copies of this are known in Albany.

Lot 600, *Washington's Journal*, autograph inserted, \$40.00.

Lot 686, *Wynne's Private Libraries of New York*; large paper, \$22.00.

The sale realized over \$7,000, which affords Mr. Morrell a profit of about \$1,500; little enough, if the time occupied in preparing the catalogue and gathering the material is reckoned of any value, but probably quite enough to encourage Mr. M. to make another venture.

The standard books in the catalogue sold at moderate prices, and the profit was made on the illustrated books, trials and other books, the price of which depends very much on the whim of the buyers; reprints and excessively large paper books maintained the prices recently realized for the same books,

but fell much below the figures frequently quoted in the catalogue.

FORTHCOMING SALES.

We have been favored with a sight of pages 9-208 of the catalogue of Mr. Woodward's collection of books relating to America, to be sold by Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co., in March. They describe 2133 lots, and come down to the letter J.

The catalogue describes many rare and obscure books, including a long series of Genealogies, Indian Narratives, and in the ensuing numbers will describe a large collection of Colonial and Local Histories, an almost unequalled series of Washington orations and many works by the Mather Family.

We have also seen about the same number of pages of the catalogue, of the library of the late Albert G. Greene, formerly of Providence, R. I. This collection is to be sold by Bangs, Merwin & Co. some time this spring. It comprises a very large collection of small books, among which American Poetry seems to predominate. This catalogue promises to be a large one, and is another illustration of the tendency of amateur catalogue makers to overdo the description of the books, for the benefit of printers and paper makers.

BOOK NOTICES.

Henshaw. Our Branch and its Tributaries; being a History of the Work of the Northwestern Commission and its Auxiliaries during the War of the Rebellion. By Mrs. Sarah Edwards Henshaw. Including a full Report of Receipts and Disbursements, by E. W. Blatchford, Treasurer; and an Introductory Chapter, by Hon. Mark Skinner. *Chicago: Alfred L. Sewell, Publisher, 1868.* 8vo, pp. 432.

The great rebellion, which summoned to the field a million of men, demanded of the women, who remained at home, some corresponding services; and their patriotism found a fitting object in the organization of numerous societies, whose design was to aid the sick, the wounded, and the prisoners on either side of the contest. Not the least of these organizations was the one which was finally called the "Northwestern Sanitary Commission," the history of which is here at once truthfully and graphically related. The style is sometimes brilliant, often elegant, and occasionally masculine in

its character. Mrs. H. has somewhat overstepped her design, and gives details of battles, quotations from private letters, and other documents, which will not fail to be useful to that much-to-be-pitied individual, "*the future historian of the war.*" Foremost among the women who devoted themselves to this work are the names of Mrs. Bickerdyke, Mrs. Colt, Mrs. A. F. Grant, Mrs. Hoge, Mrs. Livermore, and Mrs. Porter; while not a little of the success of the enterprise was due to the intelligent and persevering efforts of Mr. E. W. Blatchford, the treasurer, and the successive presidents of the association, and other gentlemen. The volume itself is a very creditable piece of book-making, being printed with a broad margin, and having a copious table of contents, and a double index of "proper names" and "subjects." On page 299, it is stated that the fair netted nearly \$85,000—it should read \$220,000.

C[alef,] J[ohn]. The Siege of the Penobscot by the Rebels; containing a

Journal of the Proceedings | of | His Majesty's Forces detached from the 74th and 82nd Re- | giments, consisting of about 700 Rank and File, under | the Command of Brigadier-General Francis M'Lean, | and of | Three of His Majesty's Sloops of War, of 16 Guns | each, under the command of Captain Henry Mowat, | Senior Officer; | when Besieged by | Three Thousand Three Hundred (Rebel) Land Forces, | under the Command of Brigadier-General Solomon Lovell, | and | Seventeen Rebel Ships and Vessels of War, under the Com- | mand of G. Saltonstall, Commodore. | To which is annexed | A Proclamation issued June 15, 1779, by General | M'Lean and Captain Barclay to the Inhabitants; | Also | Brigadier-General Lovell's Proclamation to the Inha- | bitants; and his Letter to Commodore Saltonstall, found | on board the Rebel Ship Hunter; | Together with | the Names, Force, and Commanders, of the Rebel Ships | destroyed in Penobscot Bay and River, August 14 and | 15, 1779. | With | A Chart of the Peninsula of Majabigwaduce, and of | Penobscot River, | To which is subjoined | A Postscript, wherein a short Account of the Country of | Penobscot is given. | By J. C., Esq., a Volunteer. | London: | Printed for G. Kearsley, in Fleet Street, and Ashby and Neale (late Spilsbury's in Russel-Court, Covent-Garden | M, DCC,LXXXI. | 8vo, Title and pp. 44. Chart of Penobscot River, also Chart of Penobscot by John Calef.

The long title to this rare little volume is, in fact, an abridgment of its contents. The book consists chiefly of a daily journal, in which the events of the siege are recorded with apparent precision, but with a strong English bias. The author concludes his *Journal* with the following paragraphs:

"The manœuvres of the Three Sloops of War, under the direction of Capt. Mowatt, were, moreover, such as enabled the King's forces to hold out a close siege of 21 days, against a fleet and army of more than six times their number, and strength; insomuch that, on the first appearance of the reinforcements from New York, in the offing, the Enemy debarked their troops, and sailed with their whole fleet up Penobscot river, where they burnt their shipping, and from thence marched to their respective homes: and the loyal inhabitants, who were taken in the time of the siege, and cruelly treated on board

their ships, had their irons taken off, and were set at liberty."*

If statement in the note be true, it is evident that the horrors of the "Prison Ships" were confined to the British side.

He sums up the narrative in a somewhat eloquent strain:

"Thus did this little Garrison, with Three Sloops of War, by the unwearyed exertions of soldiers and seamen, whose bravery cannot be too much extolled, under the judicious conduct of officers, whose zeal is hardly to be paralleled, succeed, in an enterprise of great importance, against difficulties apparently insurmountable, under circumstances exceedingly critical, and in a manner strongly expressive of their faithful and spirited attachment to the interests of their King and Country."

The remainder of the volume, as indicated in the title, is occupied by the respective proclamations of the belligerents, and concludes with a short description of the country of Penobscot, situate in the present State of Maine, to which is appended this almost amusing statement:

** "N. B.—From Boston to Halifax there is a good cart-road."

An indifferent copy of this tract brought \$20, at an auction in New York, Dec. 18, 1868.

Clarke. An | Impartial and Authentic | Narrative | of the | Battle | Fought on the 17th of June, 1775, | between | His Britannic Majesty's Troops | and the | American Provincial Army, | on | Bunker's Hill, near Charles Town, in New-England, | with | A True and Faithful Account of the Officers | who were killed and wounded in that memorable | Battle. | To which are added, | Some particular Remarks and Anecdotes which | have not yet transpired. | The whole being collected and written on the Spot. |

The Second Edition, | With Extracts from Three Letters lately received from | America; | And all the Promotions in the Army and Marines | since the said Battle. | By John Clarke, | First Lieutenant of Marines. | London: | Printed for the Author: And Sold by J. Millar, Whitehall; | J. Bew, in Pater-noster Row; and— Sewel, in Corn-

* "To give them a cool airing, as the enemy called it, once a day, the irons were knocked off their feet, and they were put into a boat, along-side the ship, where they remained about an hour, and had the filth of the ship poured upon their heads."

hill. | MDCCCLXXV.—Price 1s. | Entered at Stationer's Hall. |

8vo, Title and 36 pp.

This interesting contemporary report of this famous battle is a volume of much rarity. Mr. Rich notices the *first* edition and describes it as having pp. 36, and as this has no more, it is difficult to understand how the "Extracts from these Letters lately received from America," &c., should have *first* appeared in this second edition. Some of our readers may possess the first edition, in which case we shall be glad to be informed on this point.

The narrative of the battle is remarkable for its brevity. After quoting General Howe's address to the soldiers, in which he says "I shall not desire one of you to go a step further than where I go myself at your head," he remarks, "We then began to proceed to action, by marching with a quick step up the precipice that led to the entrenched Provincial Army, until within five hundred yards of them: a very brisk fire commenced on their side, and was returned on ours; still marching up to their entrenchments as fast as possible, from whence we dislodged them by four o'clock, the battle being fought and gained within one hour."

Thus we have, in the space of eleven short lines, the result of this battle, which has employed the pens of many succeeding writers, and about the merits of which the critics have not yet decided.

The remainder of the tract is occupied by a list of [British] officers killed and wounded, [4 pp.] and incidents subsequent to the battle—among them the following possesses much interest:—

"A report having prevailed that Doctor

Warren was not killed, I think it necessary to contradict it, as I saw a soldier, after the Doctor was wounded and lying in the trenches, going to run him through the body with his bayonet; on which the Doctor desired he would not kill him, for he was much wounded, and could not live a great while longer; on which the soldier swore that he would, for that he had done more mischief than any one else, and immediately run him through the body."

"The Doctor's dress was a light-colored coat, with a white satin waistcoat laced with silver, and white breeches with silver loops; which I saw the soldiers soon after strip off his body."

"He was supposed to be the Commander of the American Army that day; for General Putnam was about three miles distance, and formed an ambuscade with about three thousand men."

If this statement be correct, the question of "Who commanded at Bunker Hill?" and what General Putnam was doing, is settled.

A short description of "the Town of Boston" fills pp. 27 to 31, in which page the letter-press is less leaded by the printer, and the remainder of the tract is occupied by the postscript.

The copy of the tract from which we make these extracts belongs to Mr. John A. Rice, of Chicago, whose library is especially rich in books relating to Massachusetts.

Since writing the foregoing, we have seen a reprint printed on Whatman's drawing paper; the verso of the title reads:—Edition, 99 copies, 8vo, for private distribution. Printed at the Bradstreet Press, November 1, 1868.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

It is our design to reprint, from time to time, the various articles pertaining to American subjects which have appeared in the ENGLISH "Notes and Queries," partly because of their intrinsic interest, and partly with a view to elicit further information on the subjects treated therein. They will be reproduced in the order in which they were first printed in the English original, and additional Notes and Queries will follow in the order of their receipt.

I.—I desire to know something about a book, of which the following is the title: "Evangelium Regni. A Joyfull Message of the Kingdom, published by the Holie Spirit of the Love of Jesu Christ, and sent-fourth unto all Nations of People, which love the Trueth in Jesu Christ. Set-fourth by H. N.

and by him perused a-new and more-discriminately declared. Translated out of Basalmayne. W. T. K., New York.

Answer.—The book in question is by Henry Nicholas, the author of a number of works, of which a list is to be seen in Bohn's Lowndes, p. 1678. Although in the Eng-

lish language, it was printed in Switzerland, probably at Basle, about the year 1574; it contains 100 leaves, and is worth from \$15 to \$20. Brandt's *History of the Reformation in the Low Countries* remarks: "There were other Anabaptists who were doubtful for a while, and at last embraced that sect which is called *The House or Family of Love*. . . . Henry Nicholas, a Westphalian, born in Munster, was the father of this family. . . . He appeared upon the stage about 1540, styled himself the *Deified Man*, boasted of great matters, and seemed to exalt himself above the condition of a human creature. He was, as he pretended, greater than Moses and Christ, because Moses had taught to hope, Christ to believe, but he to love; which last being of more worth than the former, he was consequently greater than both those prophets." A more recent authority denies this. "Henry Nichols, or Nicholas, a Dutchman of Leyden, was not the founder of the Family of Love, but David George, Anabaptist of Delft." See *Deering's Nottingham*, p. 46-7, ap. *Herbert's Ames*, p. 1636. Consult also Charles Blunt's works, *Neal's History of the Puritans*, *Strype's Annals*; and for a refutation of his doctrines see *Knewstub's Confutation of Heresies taught by H. N., &c.*, 1579, 4to.

J. S.

MADOC'S EXPEDITION TO AMERICA.

Mr. Editor,—Can any of your readers direct me to the different authors who have treated of the asserted expedition of Madoc to America; or to any papers upon that subject which have appeared in any periodicals, or transactions of learned societies.

A STUDENT.

LORD CHATHAM'S SPEECH ON THE AMERICAN STAMP ACT.

Mr. Editor,—The following is an extract from Lord Brougham's *Character of Chatham*, vol. i., p. 27.

"The Debates on the American Stamp Act in 1764, are the first that can be said to have been preserved at all, through the happy accident of Lord Charlemont, assisted by Sir Robert Dean, &c., &c., and accordingly they have handed down to us some Notes of Lord Chatham's celebrated Speech upon that Question."

Can any of your readers inform me where these "NOTES" of this "celebrated speech" are to be found?

D.

MADOC THE SON OF OWEN GWYNED.

The student who confines himself to a

single question, may fairly expect a prompt and precise answer. To ask for general information on a particular subject may be a less successful experiment. Who undertakes extensive research except for an especial purpose? Who can so far confide in his memory as to append his name to a list of authorities without seeming to prove his own superficiality? I throw out these ideas for consideration, just as they arise; but neither wish to repress the curiosity of *querists*, nor to prescribe bounds to the communicative disposition of *respondents*.

Did Madoc, son of Owen Gwynedd, prince of Wales, discover America? Stimulated by the importance of the question, and accustomed to admire the spirit of maritime enterprise, at whatever period it may have been called into action, I have sometimes reflected on this debatable point—but can neither affirm nor deny it.

I advise the student, as a preliminary step to the inquiry, to attempt a collection of all the accessible evidence, historical and ethnographic, and to place the materials which pertain to each class in the order of time. The historical evidence exists, I believe exclusively, in the works of the chroniclers and bards of Wales; and the ethnographic evidence in the narratives of travellers in America. The opinions of modern writers, the gifted author of *Madoc* not excepted, he is at liberty to consider as *hors-d'œuvre*—to be passed on, or tasted, *a plaisir*. As an exemplification of this plan, I submit some short extracts, with critical remarks:—

"Madoc another of Owen Gwyneth his sonnes left the land [North-Wales] in contention betwixt his brethren, and prepared certaine ships with men and munition, and sought adventures by seas, sailing west, and leauing the coast of Ireland so far north, that he came to a land vnknownen, where he saw manie strange things."—CARADOC OF LLANCARVAN, *continued*—*The historie of Cambria*, 1584. 4°. p. 227.

[The history of Caradoc ends with A. D. 1156. The continuation, to the year 1270, is ascribed by Powel, the editor of the volume, to the monks of Conway and Stratflur.]

Carmina Meredith filii Rhesi [Meredydd ab Rhys] mentionem facientia de Madoco filio Oweni Gwynedd, et de sua nauigatione in terras incognitas. Vixit hic Meredith circa annum Domini 1477.

Madoc wyf, mwyedic wedd,

Iawn genua, Owen Gwynedd;
Ni fynnum dir, sy enaid oedd,
Na da mawr, ond y moroedd.
The same in English.

Madoc I am the sonne of Owen Gwynedd
With stature large, and comely grace adorned;
No lands at home, nor store of wealth me
please,

My minde was whole to searche the ocean seas,
"These verses I receiued of my learned
friend M. William Camden." *Richard Hakluyt*, 1589.

[The eulogy of Meredydd ab Rhys is very
indefinite, but deserves notice on account of
its early date. He "flourished," says W.
Owen, "between A. D. 1440 and 1460."]

"This land must needs be some part of
that cauntrie of which the Spaniardes affirme
themselves to be the first finders sith Hannos
time; * * * Wherevpon it is manifest, that
that cauntrie was long before by Brytaines
discouered, afore either Columbus or Ameri-
cus Vespatius lead anie Spaniardes thither.
Of the viage and returne of this Madoc there
be manie fables fained, as de common people
doo use in distance of place and length of
time rather to augment than to diminish;
but sure it is, that there he was."—*HUMFREY
LHOYD, Additions to the Historie of Cam-
bia*, p. 228.

[Lloyd, who translated the history of Ca-
radoc, and made considerable additions to it,
died in 1568. He mentions the second
voyage of Madoc, but cites no authority.]

"This Madoc arruing in that westernne
countrye, vnto the which he came, in the
year 1170, left most of his people there: and
returning backe for more of his owne nation,
acquaintance and frends, to inhabite that
faire and large countrye; went thither againe
with ten sailes, as I find noted by Gutyn
Owen. I am of opinion that the land,
wherenvnto he came, was some port of Mex-
ico;" etc.—*David Powel, s. r. p.*, note in
The historie of Cambria, 1584. 4°. p.
229.

[The learned Powel relies on the authority
of the poet Gutyn Owen. "He wrote,"
says W. Owen, "between A. D. 1460 and
1490"—three centuries after the event in
question!]

Ethnographic evidence.

"They came [anno 1536] to part of the
West Indies about Cape Breton, shaping
their course thence north-eastwards, vntill
they came to the Island of Penguin," etc.—

The voyage of master Hore, in *The princ-
pall navigations*, etc. 1589. Fol.

[Antiquaries consider the mention of *Cape
Breton* and *Penguin Island* as evidence. It
cannot prove much, as the particulars were
not committed to writing till about half-a-
century after the voyage.]

"There is also another kinde of soule in
that countrey [between the Gulf of Mexico
and Cape Breton].... they have white heads,
and therefore the country men call them *pen-
guins* (which seemeth to be a Welsh name).
And they have also in use divers other
Welsh words, a matter worthy the noting."
—*The relation of David Ingram*, 1568, in
The princippal navigations, etc. 1589. Fol.

[This narrative was compiled from answers
to certain *queries*—perhaps twenty years af-
ter the events related.]

"Afterwards [anno 1660] they [The
Doeg Indians] carried us to their town, and
entertained us civilly for four months; and
I did converse with them of many things in
the British tongue, and did preach to them
three times a week in the British tongue,"
etc. *Rev. Morgan Jones*, 1686.—*British
Remains*, 1777. 8°.

[The editor omits to state how he procur-
ed the manuscript. The paper whence the
above is extracted is either decisive of the
question at issue, or a forgery.]

The student may infer, even from these
imperfect hints, that I consider the subject
which he proposes to himself as one which
deserves a strict investigation—provided the
collections hereafter described have ceased to
be in existence.

"With respect to this extraordinary occur-
rence in the history of Wales, I have collect-
ed a multitude of evidences, in conjunction
with Edward Williams, the bard, to prove
that Madoc must have reached the American
continent; for the descendants of him and
his followers exist there as a nation to this
day; and the present position of which is on
the southern branches of Missouri river, un-
der the appellations of Padoucas, White Indians,
Civilized Indians, and Welsh Indians."
—*William Owen, F.S.A.* 1803.

The title prefixed to this paper would be
a misnomer, if I did not add a list of books
which it may be desirable to consult:—

On the Scandinavian discoveries.—*Me-
moires de la societe royale des antiquaires du
Nord*. 1836-1839. *Copenague*. 8°. p. 27.
—*Historia Vinlandie Antiquæ*, seu partis

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BOLTON CORNEY.

“A Student” may consult the *Proceedings of the Royal Society of Northern Antiquaries*, *Copenhagen*, Mr. Geoghegan’s *Ireland*, O’Flaherty’s *Ogygia*, Magnusen and Rafn *On the Historical Monuments of Greenland and America*, and some of the *Sagas*.

SCOTUS.

Brechin, Nov. 5, 1849.

Dr. Plott, in his account, and Lord Monboddo, *Origin and Progress of Language*, refer to the *Travels of Herbert* (17th century), lib. iii. cap. ult., for a full history of this supposed discovery. They derived it from Meredith ap Rhys, Gatty Owen, and Cynfyn ap Gronow, A. D. 1478—80. See also *Athenæum*, Aug. 19, 1848.—Professor Elton’s address at the meeting of the British Association, on this and the earlier Icelandic discovery.

The belief in the story has been lately renewed. See *Archæologia Cambrens*, 4-65., and *L’Acadie*, by Sir J. E. Alexander, 1849. I will only observe that in Dr. Plott’s account, Madoc was directed by the *best compass*, and this in 1170! See M’Culloch’s *Dictionary of Commerce*.

ANGLO-CAMBRIAN.

“Anglo-Cambrian” (No. 4, p. 57), in contradiction to the occurrence of Madoc’s emigration, has adduced what he supposes to be a gross anachronism in the words “Madoc was directed by the *best compass*, and this in 1170! Now, unfortunately for this opinion, the passage on which it is founded will not allow of his interpretation. The original words are in Sir Thomas Herbert’s *Travels*, and, in his expressive language, they are as

follows: “By Providence, the best compass, and benefit of the pole-star, he returned safely to his own country.” Most certainly this cannot imply that Madoc was acquainted with the mariner’s compass.

“J. M. T.” also seems to give great weight to the fact of a “Welsh-Indian vocabulary” having been formed, containing no trace of any Celtic root. This seems conclusive, yet it is not so; for I have some words, extracted from the vocabulary of the Mandan (Indian) language made by Mr. Catlin, during his sojourn among them, all of which, with very slight allowance for corruption, are clearly Welsh. Mr. Catlin believes the Mandans to have been descended from the followers of Prince Madoc, from the strong evidence which he considers his stay among them afforded him, and detailed in his work on the Indians. I regret to add, that the Mandans have been exterminated by the small-pox and the weapons of their enemies. I have long taken a deep, because a national, interest in this question, and have endeavored to examine in the spirit of that noble precept, which ought to be bound up with the existence of every *Cymro*, “The truth against the world.” Consequently, I have found that much of what is put forth as evidence on this question is, as Mr. Corney has very justly intimated, quite inadmissible; in short, unworthy of belief. Still, the inquiry has afforded me sufficient reasons for viewing the question of Prince Madoc’s emigration as a fact, and for supporting it as such as far as my humble testimony will allow.

GOMER.

In addition to what is stated (No. 4, p. 56,) on this subject, may be noted, that in the MS. Add. 14,957, British Museum, fol. 149, is a letter from Dr. David Samwell to the Gwyneddigion Society, dated 23rd March, 1791, in which he states, that the result of an interview, held by himself and William Owen with General Bowles, “places the existence of a race of Welsh Indians beyond all matter of doubt.” This race is identified with the *Padongas* on the Missouri, who are said to be of a different complexion from the other Indian races, and to have books, which they were not able to read. Is this information to be depended on or not?

F. M.

In the darkness superinduced by the absence of historical evidence on the Welsh settlement in America, I beg leave to offer a few remarks on some ethnological subjects involved in this question.

In reference to the specimen of a Welsh Indian Vocabulary in Catlin's *N. A. Indians*, which "Gomer" opposes to Prof. Elton's proposition on this subject (No. 15, p. 236), were the instances of similarity to exhibit the influence of opinion, of government, or of commerce, on the language of the tribe, the origin of such words would be as indisputable as that of those introduced by the English into the various countries of the East where they have factories; *e. g.*, governor, council, company. But these and numerous other traces of the Celtic language which have been found in Florida and Darien are not indicative of such impressions: most of them from their universality, bespeak themselves to be primitive; and who can assure us that some may not have reached them before the twelfth century, through "Walsh or strangers," "a race mightier than they and wiser," by whom they may have been instructed in the arts which have excited so much astonishment?

The glass beads, erroneously called Druid's beads, furnish Catlin with another proof of affiliation, which, however, is invalidated by the well-ascertained facts of glass manufactures having, in remotest antiquity, existed in Egypt, and of glass beads having been dispersed by the Phoenicians among the nations which they visited. (See Tassie's *Gems*, Introd.—Here, by the by, are mentioned celebrated emeralds, which have turned out to be only lumps of green glass!)

Lhuyd relates that the cross was honored in N. America before the arrival of the Spaniards, and Sir R. Manly (*Turk. Spy*, vol. viii.) states that they found crucifixes also. Unfortunately for this hypothesis, it has been shown by G. Becanus (*Hierogl.*, see Index,) Olaus Wormius (*De Danicis Monumentis*, see Index), M. Ficinus (*De Vita cælitus Propaganda*, l. iii., c. 18), and Kircherus (*Prodrodus Coptus*, p. 163), that in various countries the cross was, before the Christian era, an object of veneration, and symbolled the genius of their religion. In the event of crucifixes having been found (for which, how-

ever, Sir R. Manly supplies no authority) we need not be surprised that the Christian topography was so far extended, since the Christianity of China, between the seventh and the thirteenth century, has been invincibly proved; and simultaneously, perhaps, the aborigines of America received the symbol, "Ἐρως μου ἐσταυρωταῖς," which is peculiar to the Christian religion.

In conclusion, permit me to cite Southey *versus Catlin*:—"That country," says the author of *Madoc*, "has now been fully explored; and wherever Madoc may have settled, it is now certain that no Welsh Indians are to be found upon any branches of the Missouri" (Preface, note written in 1815).

Since I wrote the above, I have met with a work, by Mr. George Jones, entitled *The History of Ancient America Anterior to the Time of Columbus*, vol. i.: "The Tyrian Æra." In the second, not yet published, he promises to give "The Introduction of Christianity into the Western Hemisphere by the Apostle St. Thomas." T. I.

INQUISITION IN MEXICO.

"D." wishes to be furnished with references to any works in which the actual establishment of the Inquisition in Mexico is mentioned or described, or in which any other information respecting it is conveyed.

WHY THE AMERICAN ABORIGINES ARE CALLED INDIANS.

I have often wondered how the aborigines of America came to be called Indians; and for a considerable time I presumed it to be a popular appellation arising from their dark color. Lately, however, I fell in with a copy of *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, Antwerp, 1583, by Abraham Ortelius, geographer to the king; and, in the map entitled *Typus Orbis Terrarum*, I find America called *America, sive India Nova*. How it came to get the name of *India Nova* is of course another question, and one which at present I cannot answer.

NORTHMAN.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. EDITOR.—Your remarks on books of *limited editions* are perfectly true; but no one who has not owned such books can appreciate their value, either as rarities or as specimens of typographical art. If the edi-

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B.

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